

REMARKS

Applicants elect for further examination the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-7, drawn to a method for isolating monocytes comprising filtering a blood component mixture rich in monocytes, washing the filter, backflushing the filter with a physiological solution, and backflushing the filter with a viscous solution. Applicants make the election without traverse.

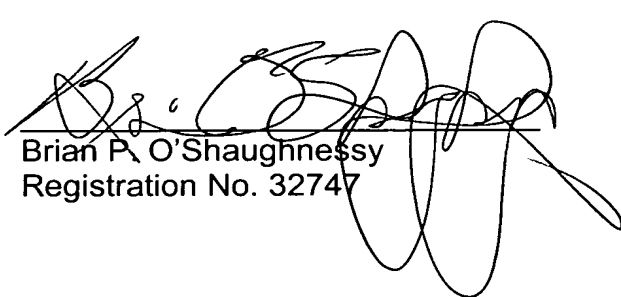
Applicants believe that the foregoing is fully responsive to the outstanding Official Action. If, however, the Examiner believes that any further information or election is required, the Examiner is encouraged to contact applicants' attorney at the number provided below. Such informal communication will expedite examination and disposition of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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